

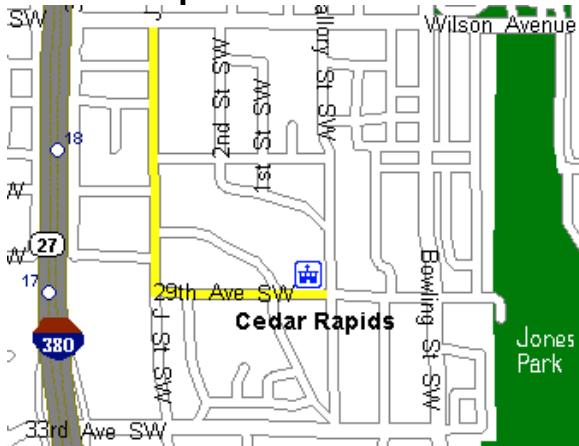


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Hus Happenings

"Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his very own." - Psalm 33:12

"This year marks 230 years since our Founding Fathers gave us our National Birth Certificate. We continue to be the longest on-going Constitutional Republic in the history of the world. Blessings such as these are not by chance or accidental. They are blessings of God." - David Barton

"Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die." - Dwight D. Eisenhower

"Thank the Lord because he is good. His love continues forever." - Psalm 107:1 (NCV)

"America's strength and prosperity are testaments to the enduring power of our founding ideals, among them, that all men are created equal, and that liberty is God's gift to humanity, the birthright of every individual. The American creed remains powerful today because it represents the universal hope of all mankind." - George W. Bush

Hus Presbyterian Church presents...

Hus Racing League



**Do you want to be a race
car driver???**

Now's your chance!! Join the Hus Racing League (HRL)

The Next Race is July 8th.

This die-cast racing event is a fun, exciting, and intense family event that all will enjoy! Races start at 10 a.m., participants should arrive early to prepare. Races are held every second Saturday through November 2006.

So come, enjoy the excitement, enjoy the rush and just **HAVE FUN!**



July 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 VBS Worship at Asbury UMC - 6 PM
2 Worship Service - 9:30 AM	3 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	4  Independence Day Office closed	5 Youth Group Movie Night - 5:15 PM Worship Team- 7 PM	6 High School Bible Study at Java Creek - 11 AM Prayer Warriors - 12:30 PM	7 Promise Keepers - Des Moines, IA High School Bible Study at Perkins - 11 AM	8 Promise Keepers - Des Moines, IA Hus Racing League- 9:30 AM register 10 AM races begin
9 Worship Service - 9:30 AM	10 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	11 Quilters- 8:30 AM Bible Study- 1:30 PM	12 Youth Group - 5:45 PM Worship Team- 7 PM	13 High School Bible Study at Java Creek - 11 AM Prayer Warriors - 12:30 PM	14 High School Bible Study at Perkins - 11 AM	15
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30 Worship Service - 9:30 AM BOOM Sunday	31 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM					

A SUMMER OF PRAYER

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.

- Apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans, chapter 12, verse 2

By the time you are reading this, I will be several weeks into my summer leave. I want to thank this gracious congregation for permitting me to put together my vacation time and accumulated study leave so that I could take this break from my responsibilities as your pastor and head of staff. You can be assured that this time will be very rejuvenating for me personally and professionally.

My plans are to reconnect with friends and mission involvements in Croatia, do work on the house that I normally do not have time for, take a workshop on Natural Church Development, spend a week wandering in the Grand Canyon, and getting my daughter Jennifer set up to begin college at Biola University. Of course, I hope to become recognizable again to my wife Jackie and my children, who do tend to miss out on a lot when they have a husband or father who is a minister.

However, one of my primary goals this summer is a distinctly spiritual one: that is, to open my heart as much as possible to the guidance of God's Spirit through prayer and Bible study. I'll be asking God what the next steps are that I should take as I seek to be faithful to God's claim upon my life. What new directions should I be going in? In other words, as I am visiting with church leaders in Croatia, laying tile in my kitchen, learning about healthy churches, and stumbling along a trail in the Grand Canyon, I will be seeking a clearer understanding and a more faithful doing of God's will.

So, let me invite all of you to travel a similar path this summer. Regardless of what your plans are and what activities you will be doing, place yourself in an attitude of openness to God's Spirit through prayer and the Word. All of us have questions to wrestle with, decisions to tackle, family issues to address, congregations to care for, and lives to be made into Christ's image.

Let's make this summer a true "Summer of Prayer" for ourselves and Hus Presbyterian Church. In doing this spiritually together even while physically apart, we can have the very pleasant and encouraging experience of discovering a brand new congregation with a brand new pastor when we get back together this September 12th!

In Christ's Peace,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will".

PS: Please be sure to read the article on the following page. It states and explains the four "covenant guidelines" that the session has adopted regarding membership at Hus Presbyterian Church. These guidelines are a very important step in our quest to become a truly missional congregation.

COVENANT GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP AT HUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In last year's adoption of the Visioning Plan for Hus Presbyterian Church, one of the items included was for the session to develop and articulate the practical essentials for being an active member of Hus Presbyterian Church. The idea was not to make this congregation an exclusive club, but to help membership to become more meaningful, faithful, responsible, and missional according to a biblical understanding.

Later in the fall of 2005, session discussion focused on the guidelines for membership in the present Book of Order were very well outlined. These are stated in the Presbyterian Church USA *Book of Order*, section G-5.0102, entitled "Membership as Ministry."

A faithful member accepts Christ's call to be involved responsibly in the ministry of his Church.

Such involvement includes

- a. *proclaiming the good news,*
- b. *taking part in the common life and worship of a particular church,*
- c. *praying and studying Scripture and the faith of the Christian Church,*
- d. *supporting the work of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,*
- e. *participating in the governing responsibilities of the church,*
- f. *demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,*
- g. *responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,*
- h. *living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,*
- i. *working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment.*

While these are good and well-stated objectives for anyone who is a member, the question is how best do we as a congregation help our members fulfill these expectations in practical, non-coercive, and easy to understand ways. Therefore, the following four "covenant guidelines" have been adopted by the session in its capacity as the spiritual leaders of Hus Presbyterian Church. These guidelines are fair, practical, understandable, doable, and most of all, encourage each member in their goal to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

- 1) Worship: attendance in worship.
This would be regular attendance (over 50 percent of the services)
- 2) Fellowship: participation in a small group fellowship.
This can be any form of small group, such as Lunch Bunch or Bible study, but is considered primarily to mean a group of members who gather together regularly (around twice a month) for friendship, study, and prayer.
- 3) Growth: spiritual development in an accountability ("covenant") group.
This means covenanting with two to three other persons of the same gender to share with one another how things are going in their spiritual life and to share guidance in prayer for one another.
- 4) Service: involvement in active service to others.
This simply means being involved in something that is for the benefit of others, such as serving the homeless, teaching the Bible, arranging activities for the elderly, singing in choir, or being an intercessor in prayer.

None of these four primary practices are out of line with the spirit of the *Bible*, our *Confessions*, and the *Book of Order*. In fact, they are quite central in helping our members to be faithful to the commitment they profess as members of Hus Church and the church of Jesus Christ. These are clear, simple, biblical, and reasonable expectations.

These four practices are now the essential and basic guidelines for all new members at Hus Presbyterian Church. As clarified in our Visioning Plan, these are highly recommended to our present members but not required. From this point on, people desiring membership with Hus Church will have these practices in place upon becoming a member. If one or more are lacking, the session will instruct the candidate to wait until all four expectations are sufficiently present and active before pursuing membership.

This approach to membership not only places more responsibility on the person seeking to become a member to take seriously their commitment to Jesus Christ and His mission, but it also places more responsibility on the present members to take seriously their commitment to reach out to non-members, and to support and encourage new members. Fellowship groups must be more open, worship services more hospitable, and individual members more willing to invest their time and energy in others.



Happy Birthday!

6	Scott VandeZandschulp
	James MacDougall
10	Marlus Grimm
11	Diane Van Wyk
	Richard Ransom
	Brian Hess
12	Dale Beltz
14	Wendy Walton
	Regina Theiss
15	Donald Zahradnik
	Pamela Schulz
21	Francis Carnahan
23	June Vavra
26	Bobby Bean
	Dolores Miessner
28	Jennifer Jackson
29	Chris Jackson
30	Jackie Jackson

Independence Day



Anniversaries this Month

18	M/ M Steve Brimeyer	1992
27	M/M Leonard Nejd	1963
28	M/M Jeffrey Schulz	1979



Check us out online!

If you have access to a computer, go to
www.huschurch.org



Transportation for July,
please, contact Anita Koopman
at 366-8157 before Sunday morning.

The Generous Sunshine of Summer

Sit in the generous sunshine of summer —
A bright blue sky overhead.
Join millions of leaves.
Join grasses and trees.
Soak up the warmth from heaven.

Pause in the generous sunshine of summer.
Look for a cool, clear brook.
Rest in the shade
That summer has made.
Rest and refresh the soul.

Bask in the generous sunshine of summer.
Indulge in its timelessness — the quiet unfolding of nature
itself,
Abundantly giving,
Abundantly living.
Beauty transcends the earth, and leads to eternal worth!
—Peggy Ferrell

SUMMER PASTORAL PLAN

Preaching, Prayers, and Scripture: Coulter Page, Doug Page, David Raim,
Judy McLaskey, Marcia Funcke, Bonnie Tichy

Pastoral Hospital and Emergency Visits: Jean White, Dolores Miessner

Clergy Backup: Ron Lewis (Christ Church), other available Presbyterian ministers in the Cedar Rapids area (George Bishop, Dick Jennings, Cheryl McCollough, and Bill Harnish)

Primary Staff Contact Person and acting head of staff: Doug Page

No communions will be celebrated during Rev. Jackson's absence. In their place, a simple "agape meal" will be done the second Sunday of July, August, and September. This is similar to communion but without the words of institution and without the wine.

If there is someone that the pastoral team desires to invite to preach, the pastoral team is free to make these arrangements.

If a session meeting is necessary during the summer months, Rev. Ron Lewis or one of the other back up pastors can moderate the meeting.

Will Jackson will be returning September 12, 2006.



... and then some

Shortly after a business executive retired, someone asked him what had been the secret of his success. He chuckled softly, and then said that it could be summarized in three words: "... and then some."

He explained that he had learned early in his career that the top people in any group were those who did what was expected of them ... and then some.

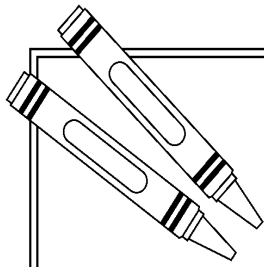
Such people worked diligently, efficiently, faithfully ... and then some. They were thoughtful and kind to others ... and then some. They were reliable friends who could be counted on ... and then some. If an emergency came, they tried to do their share to deal with it ... and then some. In short, they were more than ordinary people, they tried to be extraordinary.

That is precisely what Jesus expected and still expects of his followers. When he was teaching his friends about loving and serving others (see Matthew 5:43-48), he included these words, "What more are you doing than others?" (v. 47, NRSV).

Christians do what is required ... and then some.



Happy Fourth of July



Just for KIDS

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

God wants you to be "planted" in His Word and to grow up serving him all your life.

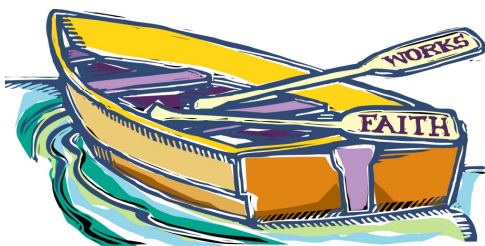
Unscramble each underlined word, and write it in the blanks below.
Use the definitions as clues.

Psalm 1:3 NIV tells us what we should be like:

"He is like a (1) etre (2) dpeltan by (3) smatres of (4) rawte,
which (5) ledsiy its fruit in (6) sonsea and whose (7) afle does not
(8) rithew. Whatever he does (9) spropres."

1. ____ (a wood plant with one main stem or trunk which has many branches)
2. ____ (rooted into the ground)
3. ____ (small rivers)
4. ____ (a colorless and transparent liquid)
5. ____ (produces, gives)
6. ____ (a time of the year)
7. ____ (flat, thin part of a plant growing from the stem — usually green)
8. ____ (to dry up or wilt)
9. ____ (succeeds)

Answers: tree, planted, streams, water, yields, season, leaf, wither, prospers



YOUTH MISSION TRIP



JULY

Growing in God's Word

Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

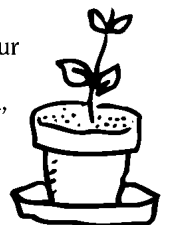
What you will need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant (can be purchased at a garden nursery) or packet of seeds.
- Newspaper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



What you do:

- 1) Spread some newspapers out on a table for your working area.
- 2) Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
- 3) Paint designs on the pot and plate. Make sure you clean your brush in the cup of water when changing colors.
- 4) When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the collar (top part of the pot) write: "Growing in God's Word"
- 5) Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With an adult's help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
- 6) Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant every day and keep the soil moist.
- 7) Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you, too, need care as you grow in God's Word.





Believing On Our Master

July 2006



Hi All,

Last month I talked about prayer. This month I want to tell you about a prayer. The following is an excerpt from the blog that I have been doing as an Elder Commissioner to the 217th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The blog can be found at: <http://217ga.blogspot.com/>

From Sunday, June 18, 2006:

Last night after I left the committee meeting I stopped in the atrium to post to the blog and I ran into Rev. Russell Smith who I had met earlier in the day because he had found this blog. ... We talked for about an hour during which time he told me about a 4-year-old girl in his congregation whose name is Regan Harper. Regan has cancer. What is worse is that the doctors are baffled as to what to do with this cancer. It is unlike anything that they have dealt with. They have prayed and the Elders have anointed her with oil. I told him that I would pray for her and that I would let our prayer warriors know so they could pray for her too. When I got back to my room I turned on the TV and after a short time I was overwhelmed with the need to pray for Regan and as I began to pray I realized that I needed to look outside and up into the heavens. I had muted the TV but the light from it, my laptop, and the lamps that were on in the room were causing a glare so I turned them all off except for the bathroom light so I would not trip around the room. I shut the bathroom door until it was open just enough to let out a little of the light. It was just enough. I went to the window and tried to open the shears but they were stuck in place. I continued my prayer for Regan, her family, her friends, and her church. As I prayed I sank to my knees grabbing the bar on the inside of the window and I looked out into the night sky. To the right of my and just up a little bit I saw it. The unlikely combination of the light that I had on and the shears had created it. I saw the cross. I began to think about when Jesus healed the boy in Matthew 17. It was not about Jesus forcing out the demon that drew me to that passage, it is what he told his followers in verse 20 when He said, "... I tell you the truth, if your faith is as big as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. All things will be possible for you." I also thought about when Jesus healed the soldier's servant in Matthew 8:5-11, 13: When Jesus entered the city of Capernaum, an army officer came to him, begging for help. The officer said, "Lord, my servant is at home in bed. He can't move his body and is in much pain." Jesus said to the officer, "I will go and heal him." The officer answered, "Lord, I am not worthy for you to come into my house. You only need to command it, and my servant will be healed. I, too, am a man under the authority of others, and I have soldiers under my command. I tell one soldier, 'Go,' and he goes. I tell another soldier, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and my servant does it. When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. He said to those who were following him, "I tell you the truth, this is the greatest faith I have found, even in Israel. ...Then Jesus said to the officer, "Go home. Your servant will be healed just as you believed he would." And his servant was healed that same hour. I am not sure that I have as much faith as the soldier, but I would like to think that I do. I do know that I have faith at least the size of a mustard seed and Jesus had told his followers that that would be large enough. I know that God is holding Regan in His arms and that He will heal her because Jesus has already told me that my faith is big enough. As I reflected on this time today I realized that it was not just a cross that I had seen. I also saw a white flowing robe and I believe that as I prayed last night that Jesus was giving me His undivided attention. Praise God. Thank you Jesus. Please say a prayer for Regan and her family; I know they would deeply appreciate it.

From Tuesday, June 27, 2006:

More prayers for Regan...

This past Saturday (6/24/2006) Raising Praise Ministries and The New 89.1 The Spirit presented a free concert at Marion (IA) Square Park at which our Praise & Worship team performed. Prior to our turn I went to the prayer tent to ask for prayer for Regan. What happened next blew my mind. I told those that were there about Regan and about my previous prayer for her. Instead of us holding hands they wanted to lay hands on me, that is when I say it out of the corner of my eye. There was a child size Barbie foldable chair. I immediately grabbed it and asked that we all stand around the chair and lay hands on it as if Regan was sitting there. Mary Ellen who was heading up the group could not believe it. She is the one that brought the chair not knowing why as she does not have any children that age. Now she knew. They had me take a seat behind the Barbie chair and I laid hands on it, as did those standing in front of it. The rest laid hands on me and we prayed. To say that I was moved would be an understatement. I was blown away. You could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit there moving around us. We prayed and prayed. I don't think that there was a dry eye amongst us. There are now at least two groups of prayer warriors in the Cedar Rapids/Marion area that are praying for Regan, her family, friends, and church. God's Blessings to you.

Because of Him,
Terry

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his very own. - Psalm 33:12(NCV)



Believing On Our Master

July 2006



Upcoming Meetings

July:

- Join us on the 5th for movie night beginning at 5:15 PM. This would be a great night to invite some friends, just let us know how many are coming so we can make sure that we have enough to eat (please be sure to bring \$3 to help cover the cost of the meal). Are you part of another youth group? Have your youth leader get a hold of us; we would love to have you join us!
- On the 12th and the 26th we will worship and fellowship from 5:45 to 6:45 P.M.
- There is now youth group on July 19th.

Events not scheduled yet will be announced as far in advance as possible so you can make plans to attend. The movie scheduled to be shown could change without warning due to availability.

Upcoming Concerts/Events

July

8 th	Hus Racing League. Youth working in the kitchen from 10 AM - 3 PM. Fundraiser
16 th	We leave for our first youth mission trip
22 nd	We return from the mission trip
30 th	BOOM Sunday - Operation Christmas Child kickoff

Every Monday: Youth Prayer Time, 7 PM at the old SW Target parking lot.

Every Thursday: High School Bible Study

11 AM at Java Creek on the corner of Boyson Road NE and C Ave. NE.

Every Friday: Marion High School Bible Study

11 AM at Perkins on the Collins Road NE.

Times subject to change.

A conversation with God

Hi God. This month is full of new things. We will be going on our first mission trip and ask for safe travel. Bless those that we are going to serve and also the youth that are serving. We pray that you would touch all of their lives in a very special and personal way. Thank you for the blessing of this youth ministry to be a part of an outreach to the Kirkwood students. I pray that we would also be able to reach out to the youth at College Community Schools. In Jesus' precious and holy name, Amen.



BOOM

Worship

Service

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